



DISCONTTOOLS PMB London

DISCONTTOOLS held a project management board (PMB) at DEFRA offices in London at 15 November 2016. The project is proud to announce that updated information on research gaps is now available for 17 diseases: AI, ASF, BSE, BTB, *Campylobacter*, CBPP, *Chlamydia*, *E. coli*, FMD, *Mycoplasma bovis*, Nematodes, Orthopox, Parapox, SVD, Swine mycoplasma, Swine pleuropneumonia, WNF. Seven additional diseases are expected to be added in the next 3 months.

Prof. Fiona Tomley (Royal Veterinary College, London) gave a presentation on the current research activities and research needs in the field of poultry coccidiosis.

The results from a survey on the use and impact of the DISCONTTOOLS database was presented showing evidence that the website is used for research prioritisation by various (inter)national funding bodies as well as for the development of research strategies by universities and animal health institutions.

Several disease expert groups agreed to contribute a review paper on research gaps to a DISCONTTOOLS Special Issue. They are working hard to prepare these papers which should be published in the course of next year.

In 2017, DISCONTTOOLS will continue to work on updating disease information, align its activities with STAR-IDAZ, the International Research Consortium on Animal Health, and give the website a facelift to keep up to date with latest technologies. Presentations given at the meeting are available [here](#).